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AS SUMMARY CONTINGENCY PLANNING PAPER APPEARS TO TAKE
INTO ACCOUNT, ANY RETALIATORY ACTS WHICH ARE NOT DIRECTLY
RELATED TO ALLIED ACCESS TO BERLIN COULD ALIENATE WORLD
OPINION AND PROVOKE CHAIN OF INCREASINGLY SERIOUS
COUNTERACTIONS. IF WE WERE TO TAKE HARASSING ACTIONS
ELSEWHERE THAN IN GERMANY AS A COUNTER TO SOVIET OR GDR
HARASSMENTS OF ALLIED ACCESS TO BERLIN, SOVIETS WOULD
UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE BASIS PUT FORWARD POWERFUL CLAIM WE
WERE ATTEMPTING TO WIDEN AREA OF DISPUTE AND EVEN TO TAKE
WARLIKE STEPS.

WE WOULD THINK THAT RETALIATORY MEASURES AGAINST SOVIET
BLOC SHIPPING IN SUCH WIDELY SEPARATELY AREAS AS
DARDANELLES AND KIEL CANAL WOULD BE UNDERSTOOD OR
SUPPORTED BY OUR ALLIES ONLY IF SITUATION IN REGARD TO
BERLIN HAD BECOME SO SERIOUS THAT THERE WAS A REAL DANGER
OF A SOVIET OR GDR TAKE OVER WHICH WE WERE PREPARED TO
PREVENT BY FORCE. HENCE BELIEVE WE COULD OBTAIN UNIFIED
ALLIED ACTION, WHICH AGREE ADVISABLE AND INDEED NECESSARY,
ONLY IN LATER STAGES OF BERLIN CRISIS WHEN WE WOULD HAVE
EXHAUSTED ALL OTHER MEANS IN GERMANY TO COUNTER HARASSMENTS

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ALLIED ACCESS TO BERLIN INCLUDING DIPLOMATIC MOVES ON
BROAD SCALE.

HARASSMENTS OF SOVIET AND EAST GERMAN SHIPPING WOULD
APPEAR TO BE FORM OF ECONOMIC SANCTIONS WHICH WOULD NOT
BE VERY EFFECTIVE AND WOULD NOT APPEAR TO BE COUNTER-
HARASSMENT "EQUIVALENT IN KIND AND SEVERITY."

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